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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

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Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. McKEON, Ms. McKINNEY, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SCHROCK, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HYDE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WEINER, Ms. HART, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. WELLER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. WOLF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Korea Defense Service
3 Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) More than 40,000 members of the United
7 States Armed Forces have served on the Korean Pe-
8 ninsula each year since the signing of the cease-fire
9 agreement in July 1953 ending the Korean War.

10 (2) An estimated 1,200 members of the United
11 States Armed Forces died as a direct result of their
12 service in Korea since the cease-fire agreement in
13 July 1953.

14 **SEC. 3. KOREA DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL.**

15 (a) ARMY.—(1) Chapter 357 of title 10, United
16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing new section:

18 **“§ 3754. Korea Defense Service Medal**

19 “(a) The Secretary of the Army shall issue a cam-
20 paign medal, to be known as the Korea Defense Service
21 Medal, to each person who while a member of the Army
22 served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adjacent
23 thereto during the KDSM eligibility period and met the
24 service requirements for the award of that medal pre-
25 scribed under subsection (c).

1 “(b) In this section, the term “KDSM eligibility pe-
2 riod” means the period beginning on July 28, 1954, and
3 ending on such date after the date of the enactment of
4 this section as may be determined by the Secretary of De-
5 fense to be appropriate for terminating eligibility for the
6 Korea Defense Service Medal.

7 “(c) The Secretary of the Army shall prescribe service
8 requirements for eligibility for the Korea Defense Service
9 Medal. Those requirements shall not be more stringent
10 than the service requirements for award of the Armed
11 Forces Expeditionary Medal for instances in which the
12 award of that medal is authorized.”.

13 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
14 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
15 new item:

“3754. Korea Defense Service Medal.”.

16 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—(1) Chapter 567 of
17 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
18 end the following new section:

19 **“§ 6256. Korea Defense Service Medal**

20 “(a) The Secretary of the Navy shall issue a cam-
21 paign medal, to be known as the Korea Defense Service
22 Medal, to each person who while a member of the Navy
23 or Marine Corps served in the Republic of Korea or the
24 waters adjacent thereto during the KDSM eligibility pe-

1 riod and met the service requirements for the award of
 2 that medal prescribed under subsection (c).

3 “(b) In this section, the term “KDSM eligibility pe-
 4 riod” means the period beginning on July 28, 1954, and
 5 ending on such date after the date of the enactment of
 6 this section as may be determined by the Secretary of De-
 7 fense to be appropriate for terminating eligibility for the
 8 Korea Defense Service Medal.

9 “(c) The Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe service
 10 requirements for eligibility for the Korea Defense Service
 11 Medal. Those requirements shall not be more stringent
 12 than the service requirements for award of the Armed
 13 Forces Expeditionary Medal for instances in which the
 14 award of that medal is authorized.”.

15 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
 16 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
 17 new item:

“6256. Korea Defense Service Medal.”.

18 (c) AIR FORCE.—(1) Chapter 857 of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 20 lowing new section:

21 **“§ 8754. Korea Defense Service Medal**

22 “(a) The Secretary of the Air Force shall issue a
 23 campaign medal, to be known as the Korea Defense Serv-
 24 ice Medal, to each person who while a member of the Air
 25 Force served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adja-

1 cent thereto during the KDSM eligibility period and met
2 the service requirements for the award of that medal pre-
3 scribed under subsection (c).

4 “(b) In this section, the term “KDSM eligibility pe-
5 riod” means the period beginning on July 28, 1954, and
6 ending on such date after the date of the enactment of
7 this section as may be determined by the Secretary of De-
8 fense to be appropriate for terminating eligibility for the
9 Korea Defense Service Medal.

10 “(c) The Secretary of the Air Force shall prescribe
11 service requirements for eligibility for the Korea Defense
12 Service Medal. Those requirements shall not be more
13 stringent than the service requirements for award of the
14 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for instances in which
15 the award of that medal is authorized.”.

16 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
17 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
18 new item:

“8754. Korea Defense Service Medal.”.

19 (d) AWARD FOR SERVICE BEFORE DATE OF ENACT-
20 MENT.—The Secretary of the military department con-
21 cerned shall take appropriate steps to provide in a timely
22 manner for the issuance of the Korea Defense Service
23 Medal, upon application therefor, to persons whose eligi-
24 bility for that medal is by reason of service in the Republic

1 of Korea or the waters adjacent thereto before the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.

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